

OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



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Raymond Alexander migrated from Canada to the U.S. as a 17 year old with a mission to go to college and learn the optometry profession. Dr. Alexander graduated from Pacific University on June 1, 1935. He was born in October 1913 and will be 105 years old this year.

Melissa Auman, OBO's Administrative Coordinator, worked with Dr. Alexander and his wife Anne to renew his inactive license—he's been licensed by OBO since February 29, 1936—that's 83 years.

Melissa, Shelley Sneed (OBO's Executive Director) and Janet Baker (OOPA's Executive Director) visited Dr. Alexander and his wife Anne in January at the home they had built in the 1960's and still live in today. Dr. Alexander isn't a man to rest on his laurels. His office proudly displays his Pacific University degree, his original wall certificate license and his current license. That's not all that's in his office. Dr. Alexander has a big screen TV that he uses to monitor the stock market. His computer has special software to allow him to see the text. His passion? Stock trading. Since his retirement about 25 years ago he's been an avid stock trader. He earns a decent living and enjoys watching the market and making trades.

Dr. Alexander was a contact lens pioneer in Oregon. He used hard lenses and was a specialist. When one of the major retailers come out with soft lenses he went to the luncheon meeting with a bit of skepticism. He quickly began using them. Dr. Alexander's practice also had an in-house lens lab. His wife Anne was his optician. Together they built a successful business and a lovely life.



Raymond and Anne Alexander — January 2019

“With sadness we share that Dr. Kenneth Ehlers, a former OBO Board member, passed away November 13, 2018. Blessings to his family and we are grateful for his contribution to the profession.”

- Shelley Sneed, E.D.

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Board of Pharmacy Prescribing

HB 2397 in the 2017 legislative session granted pharmacists the opportunity to prescribe some medications and medical devices. The Board of Pharmacy has been going through rule-making to determine what pharmacies can prescribe and when they can do that. There is a Public Health and pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee tasked with doing this work. If you'd like to learn more about their efforts, here's a link to the Pharmacy Board's website:

[Public Health and Pharmacy Formulary Advisory Committee](#)

The Oregon Pharmacy Board published a newsletter in November of 2018 giving an overview of the process

[November 2018 newsletter](#)



Expired Prescriptions

The Board has received several inquiries about patients requesting copies of expired prescriptions. Remember that the patient's prescription for contacts or glasses is part of their medical record. Federal and state law requires OD's to release prescriptions immediately after they would provide spectacles or contact lenses without additional examination. [OAR 852-020-0031](#) gives the detailed board rules regarding prescription release.

The stickier question is what happens when a patient, who you might not have seen for an exam in over two years, calls and wants a copy of their prescription and it's expired. [OAR 852-010-0051](#) details the Board's records requirements. OD's are required to provide copies of patient records within 14 days of a written request. Detailed summaries are only allowable if the patient agrees to the substitution.

Your suspicion may be that the patient is going to submit the expired prescription to an online vendor for new contact lenses. Your requirement is to provide the records—that's Oregon law. The prescription is part of their medical record and the patient or their authorized representative can request it in writing, and you need to provide it within 14 days.

No Fair!

If you believe that the patient is using an online provider to fill the expired prescription you can report that. AOA, FTC and the FDA can be contacted with the information for potential follow up.

Coming July 2019—new licensing system



Thank you to our licensees for adapting to our online licensing system. It's been a great start, but we've found something we think you're going to like even better. OBO has contracted with Thentia to implement their Open Regulate and Smart Govern systems. It will provide: 1) online applications, 2) online renewals, 3) online demographic data updating (updating practice locations), 4) CE course submittal on the fly and more. We are excited to get to work on the new system this month and will provide you more information as we get closer to roll out.

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BOARD MEETING

Board Activities

As of February 1, 2019 the Board had the following licensee counts:

Active Licenses	814	Inactive Licenses	353
New applications since 7/1/18			13
New licenses issued since 12/10/18			5

Discipline Cases for 2018:

New complaints	36	Complaints reviewed @ 2/9/19 meeting	13
2018 Complaints resolved & closed			34
2018 Complaints resolved with no discipline			29

Board Actions:

The Board discussed the following agenda items at their meeting:

- Reviewed the Board's financial statements.
- Reviewed CE courses approved since the last Board meeting .
- Reviewed the new licensing system contract and implementation.
- Took action on the following Executive Session cases:
 - Ratified with discipline: **2018-34 Tegen / OBO**
 - Ratified with discipline: **2018-35 Cline / OBO**
 - Ratified with discipline: **2019-2 Bailey / OBO**

2019 Board Meeting schedule:

- Friday May 10, 2019
- **Friday August 9, 2019—to be rescheduled**
- Friday November 8, 2019

Conference call access is provided at the top of the public agenda for each Board meeting. When meetings occur off site, there won't be conference call access to the meeting in most cases.

Records Release

Are you familiar with the Board's rules regarding patient records release? Even more importantly, are your staff? [OAR 852-010-0051](#) is the Board's rules regarding patient record keeping, transfer and release. If you haven't reviewed them lately, please take a few minutes. Be sure that your policies match the Board's rules and that your staff are trained with the appropriate response times and information.

What's my legal name?

Have you changed your name? What name do you use to practice? OBO law requires you to practice under your legal name. If you are using a previous name and not your current legal name, you'll need to update your license record. The Board has a [new name change form](#) that you fill out and it outlines the required documents for the Board to change your name.

If you'd like to maintain a portion of your former name, and that's also part of your current legal name, you can request that the Board include it on your license. For instance, if your previous name is your middle name, the Board can print your license in your full name to reflect the middle name that was your previous name. Confused? Call OBO staff for assistance. If you change your legal name during renewal, there is no additional fee for reprinting your license.

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